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manufacture there and sell anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 depending on whether they are refrigerated or not. They want an opportunity to move those in three trailer units to the Colorado border where they can be moved on. Now I think that is a bad idea for a variety of reasons that have emerged on earlier discussions we've had through the years on triple trailers. But let me explain to you why they want to do it. They want to do it because they will save between \$125 and \$150 in cost per unit and be mindful of the fact that these units cost, retail for at least \$15,000 and they are asking for this legislation so they can save that relatively small amount in transporting them from Nebraska to Colorado. Now the difficulty with the legislation, of course, is that it goes far beyond just the needs of Tempste. It is unconstitutional for us to pass special class legislation so this is going to apply, this bill will necessarily apply to all other Nebraska companies that manufacture trailers. Surely they could require permits under this legislation just as Tempste could. But let me ask you also what about manufacturers from other states? Couldn't manufacturers from other states that are moving trailers park them on the Nebraska border, group them in clusters of three, then move them across Nebraska to another state that does not accept triple trailer rigs and then disassemble them into double trailer rigs and move them thereon? So be mindful of the fact that even though the reasons for this legislation are the needs of Tempste to save again between \$125 and \$150 in a unit cost of at least \$15,000, it necessarily has to give the same exception to all other companies inside and out of Nebraska. And let me remind you that if this does happen, if other industries in addition to Tempste take advantage of this why we are going to have a situation on the interstate highway where we are indeed going to have a number of triple trailer units and I think the clear feelings of the people of the State of Nebraska is that they are unsafe and the people of the State of Nebraska don't want to have to contend with those kind of units on the interstate highway or any other highway. So keeping that in mind, I would urge you to vote against suspending the rules on LB 983. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the suspension of the